

**STP DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS SUB GROUP MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 23RD APRIL 2015 AT 7PM IN THE INVERCARRON
RESOURCE CENTRE**

1. PRESENT

Stuart Alexander, Mike Robins, Douglas Samways, George Strang

2. APOLOGIES

Michelle Ward

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of the meeting of 23rd March were approved.

4. MATTERS ARISING

- (i) Appointment of Chair – a proposal that George chair the sub group was approved.

5. DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

It was confirmed that £3,000 was available for disbursement.

Douglas confirmed that seven applications had been received by the extended deadline of Tuesday 21st April, and he had sent copies with any relevant additional information to the members of the sub group.

Each application was checked against the criteria set out in the Disbursement of Funds policy. All complied but it was noted that the one from Newtonhill Bowling Club could not be considered as Newtonhill is outwith STP's area as defined in our SCIO constitution.

The remaining applications were discussed and the following was agreed:

The Furniture Lodge – applied for £2,000 towards the cost of £2,820 for condition and valuation surveys which would form an integral part of their application to the Investing in Communities – Growing Community Assets Fund (deadline 30th June) to purchase and develop the Old Model Lodging House in Cowie Lane. It was agreed to recommend that £1,300 be provided towards the cost of the surveys with the following conditions: confirmation that the Furniture Lodge has raised the outstanding balance of £1,520; if the invoice for the surveys is not paid by the 30th June deadline, the money will be repaid to STP; if the CAT transfer does not proceed then the surveys will be made available free to relevant bona fide local community groups that request a copy.

Friends of the Open Air Pool – applied for £1,000 towards the £5,000 cost of replacing and upgrading poolside furniture. The Sub Group agreed to recommend granting the full amount requested ie £1,000. A condition of this award would be that an invoice for the total amount is presented before the money is transferred.

Stonehaven and District Talking Newspaper Association – applied for a contribution of £200 towards the cost of consumables such as memory sticks, padded Velcro envelopes. It was agreed to recommend granting the full amount requested ie £200.

Mearns FM – applied for a contribution of £200 towards the cost of transporting equipment to the summer events covered by the radio station eg Harbour Festival, Fireworks. It was agreed to recommend granting the full amount requested ie £200.

Party in the Park – applied for a contribution of £300 towards the total cost of approximately £3,500 to stage the event. The amount requested would be to help offset the costs of first aid cover and rubbish removal. It was agreed to recommend granting the full amount requested ie £300. A condition of this award would be that the money is refunded to STP if the event does not take place.

Stonehaven and District Angling Association – applied for £2,424 towards the total cost of £4,024 for the provision of materials for a proposed casting platform which would be particularly suited to the less able bodied and be safer for the tuition sessions provided for the club's junior anglers, at the club's Stillwater fishery at Allochie. As the amount requested was almost that of the total amount available for disbursement and the needs of the other applicants in terms of when the money was required was more pressing and there was no indication in the SDAA's application that a donation towards the cost would be acceptable as funds were being/had been accessed from other sources and/or by fund raising activities, coupled with the fact that although the Angling Association is based in Stonehaven the actual location is without STP's area (see above re Newtonhill Bowing Club's application), it was decided not to make an award. However, should one or more of the other applicants fail to meet the requirements of their grant and money be returned to STP as a result, the Angling Club's application would be reviewed.

6. NEXT STEPS

It was agreed that George would present the recommendations of the Sub Group to the next meeting of STP trustees which is on Tuesday 28th April. It was accepted that this is a month earlier than stated in the STP's Criteria for Disbursement of Funds policy but it was felt that leaving the final decision until May would make it difficult for the Furniture Lodge to meet the deadline for their application to the Investing in Communities – Growing Community Assets Fund (see above).

Depending on the final decision of the STP trustees, Douglas will write to the applicants to inform them of the outcome of their bids.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

As all the money available has been allocated and assuming that the STP trustees accept the recommendations in full, it was felt that the Sub Group had completed its task for this year and another meeting would therefore not be required until the early next year. However, it was recognised that if money was returned, offers not

accepted or the STP trustees reject some or all of the recommendations, it may be necessary to convene another meeting or meetings this year.

Douglas Samways, April 2015